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## **Speaker & Professional title:**

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## **Speaker Biography:**

Rick Christ has a passion for the continuous improvement of preparedness. He is a Dept. of Homeland Security Master Exercise Practitioner and enjoys designing, delivering, and evaluating readiness exercises for cities, states, and healthcare systems. He also designs, delivers, and evaluates training programs, and has most recently re-designed ICS-300 and -400 for online delivery, and regularly teaches incident command to worldwide audiences. Rick is a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and is completing the requirements to be a FEMA Master Continuity Practitioner. Rick is a lifelong firefighter and long-time Search and Rescue technician who was sent to the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, to organize the search for victims of those storms along with canine SAR teams from around the US.